system is provided as approved by Distt. Fire Fighting Authorities including fire alarm system.

(b) Yes, Sir. Flats constructed by DDA are being served by Delhi Administration Fire Fighting Services.

(c) DDA has reported that the fire fighting arrangements in group housing societies does not depend on the number of flats.

In case of high-rise buildings (more than 15 metres height) building plans are approved by DDA only after incorporating the recommendations made by the Chief Fire Officer.

In case of high-rise buildings, permission to occupy is given only when a 'No Objection Certificate' from Chief Fire Officer is obtained.

Housing Facilities to Retired/Retiring Government Employees

2169. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to provide housing facilities to its retired or retiring employees; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) and (b) Housing is a State subject and State Govts. and Union Territory Administrations are free to formulate housing schemes according to their priority and available resources. It is reported that some State agencies reserve a specified percentage of houses constructed by them for Government employees including retired employees.

However, to promote greater access to housing for Central Govt. employees of different categories, an organisation viz. Central Govt. Employees Welfare Housing Organisation (CGEWHO) has been set up by Government under the aegis of the Ministry of Urban Development. The Organisation will construct houses at no profit no loss basis for the Central Govt. employees, including retiring and retired employees and for spouses of the deceased Central Govt. Employees. The Central Government employees can also secure housing loans under schemes taken up under HUDCO's Ownership Housing Scheme.

Unauthorised construction in Malaviya Nagar, New Delhi

2170. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Private Builders are constructing third floors in Malaviya Nagar specially in block A, B, C and without any sanctioned are plans in connivance with locol police and high officials of MCD authorities;

(b) what action has been taken against these MCD officers who allowed the illegal construction and did not take any action to stop the construction when it was going on and the same is still continuing even still date ; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and Government's action against the builders too ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) to (c) MCD has reported that some cases of construction of third floor without getting the building plan sanctioned has been noticed|detected in Malaviya